

CREOLE HOUSE-F.M. BRICKEY ESTATE
PRAIRIE DU ROCHER ILLINOIS
RANDOLPH Co.

HABS. NO. ILL-234
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DISTRICT NO. ILL-2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
EDGAR E. LUNDEEN - DISTRICT OFFICER
CORN BELT BANK BUILDING - BLOOMINGTON ILL.

CREOLE HOUSE
Prairie du Rocher, Randolph County, Illinois

Present Owner. F. M. Brickey Estate.

Date of Erection. South half about 1800, and north
half about 1858.

Architect. None.

Builder. Unknown.

Present Condition. The building is fairly well preserved and unchanged, except doubled in length.

Number of Stories. One.

Materials of Construction. The foundations are stone. The walls of the south half are logs set vertically, and those of the north half are studs. The roof rafters are oak. Floors are pine boards, varying in width. The roof surface is modern, covered with composition shingles. Interior walls are generally plaster on wood studs.

Other Existing Records. None located.

Additional Data:

"The long, low house with the French hang-over is known here as the Brickey House.

It is a log house covered with weather boards. The southern half of the house was built about 1800, by a Dr. MacDonald. About 1845, Mr. E. C. Hansbrough moved into the house, and in 1848 his son, Henry Hansbrough, was born there. Henry Hansbrough was elected to Congress from North Dakota in 1889 (I believe this was the year North Dakota was admitted

to the Union). He served two years as Representative and eighteen years as U. S. Senator from that State. He was a power in the Senate during the McKinley administration.

The house was owned by a Mr. Henry (who was sort of Kingfish around here at that time) from about 1830 to about 1848, when it came into the possession of his son-in-law, A. H. Lee. Lee grabbed off a lot of money and some fame by winning the Crosby Opera House of Chicago in 1867. He sold his winnings at over \$200,000.00.

The place came into the possession of F. W. Brickey about 1855 or 1856, and his son, F. M. Brickey, was born there in 1858. Mr. Brickey added the north half of the house, and weather-boarded the original or south half, before he moved into the place. The Brickey family moved out of the place about 1870. The heirs of F. M. Brickey still own the house, which they rent out. One of the present tenants is what the Canadians would call a "Habitant". His name is Longlois, and he is a descendant of St. Theresa Longlois (a cousin of Boisbriand, first Commandant of Fort de Chartres) who established the town of Prairie du Rocher in 1722."

Reference: Letter of Tom J. Conner,
August 15th, 1935.

(Approved)

W. J. Lundeen
District Officer

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